

## Mountain Lion Hunt Gear List

Let me start by saying that all of the following gear is what I have found to work over the years. If you think some other gear works better for you by all means go ahead and bring it. The most important thing that you can bring with you is yourself. Physically preparing for a lion hunt is far more important than any piece of gear. In other words, GET IN THE BEST SHAPE YOU CAN BE IN AND BRING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE! As far as clothing goes you need to have some sort of layering system. Temps can range from BELOW ZERO TO 50 degrees on these hunts and it can change at a moments notice. Having some sort base layer, fleece jacket, and a medium weight jacket is usually best. Avoid any type of cotton clothing. Most days we are up early in the morning (around 4am). Trying to locate a track crossing a road or trail. We use trucks, ATV's and snowmachines to cover the roads and trails. If we can't find a track from the road system we will hike some canyons and ridges with the hounds. Some of the hunts are short and some last hours. Being in the best shape you can be in will make your trip more enjoyable. These can be very physically demanding hunts.

- Hunting License and Conservation Stamp- Can be bought over the counter when you arrive or prior to getting here online.
- Hunter's Safety Card- If born after Jan. 1 1966
- Blaze Orange or Pink(camo ok) hat or vest. You do not need both but one must be worn while hunting.
- Rifle or Bow- 223 or larger with at least a 60 grain bullet. No ballistic or varmit type bullets. Make sure you have some sort of scope cover if you are bringing a scoped rifle. I have a 30/30 you are welcome to borrow for the hunt to decrease your baggage.
- Day Pack- capable of carrying all your gear. I use the Badlands 2200, it's nice to have a pack with a rifle carrier. Badlands Superday is also a good pack along with lots of others.
- Headwear- Ball cap, stocking cap and neck gaiter(face mask).
- Base Layer- Under Armour, merino wool, or other synthetic all are good. Merino wool is best.
- Mid Layer- Fleece jacket or pullover, wool shirt, synthetic sweatshirt. Having an extra fleece or down vest in your pack is a good idea.
- Outer Layer- Any type of medium weight coat is fine. I have used lots of different coats over the years. Something that is water resistant and offers a good warmth to weight ratio works great.
- Parka or Heavy Jacket- You will need one for riding the ATV's or snowmachine.
- Insulated Bibs- For riding ATV's or snowmachine.
- Rain Gear- Most of the time we don't need any. But it does work good as a windbreaker.
- Pants- Bring 2 pair. I like any of the synthetic or wool pants. We will be hiking so some sort of medium weight pant. I wear KUIU Guide pants.
- Gaiters- Best to have a pair that are well made and quiet. Kennetrek Kuiu, Outdoor Research are good.

- Socks- Bring a few pairs of medium weight hiking socks with some padding in them. Wool or synthetic. DARN TOUGH.
- Boots- Don't skimp on your boots and make sure they are broken in. I like a pair with 400 grams of insulation. Make sure they have good ankle support. Kenetrek, Meindel, Lowa, Irish Setter, Crispi are all good boots.
- Gloves(Mittens) - One heavy pair of gloves or mittens for riding ATV's. 2 lightweight pairs for hiking in. I like the Army Surplus wool glove liners, they are still warm when they get wet.
- Headlamp- Bring a set of extra batteries. I have an extra pair you can use if you don't have any.
- Ski Goggles- Nice to have if we are using ATV's
- Knife-Bring a lightweight knife.
- Chap Stick- The air is dry out here and your lips will get chapped.
- Hand Warmers
- Water Bottle- Something that carries around 32 ounces is good. A Gatorade bottle works
- Toiletries- All your normal bathroom stuff.